

Claims

I claim:

Sub A4 1. A bank card terminal cover for bank card terminals having exterior exposed card reading slots and keyboards pervious to liquids, grease, and dust, the terminal placed on a non-integral separate support surface independent of the bank card terminal and cover, comprising: a rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust, and grease impervious top with sidewalls defining an open bottom leading into an interior chamber sized to fit about and cover the bank card terminal placed on the separate support surface, said side walls extending sufficiently about the bank card terminal to contact the separate support surface to elevate the top and side walls of the cover above and around the bank card terminal to protect the bank card terminal from contact with liquids, dust, grease, and falling objects by directing them away from the bank card terminal onto the separate support surface, and defining at least one opening through which a terminal cord may be inserted and connected to the bank card terminal.

2. A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 1, wherein the top is openably mounted to the top of the bank card terminal to open in a first mode to provide access to a bank card terminal key pad and card reading slot, and to close in a second mode about the bank card terminal to prevent dust, grime, liquids, and other matter from interfering with the bank card terminal key pad and card reading slot.

3. A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 1, including a handle on the top exterior to aid in removal of the top to access the key pad and card slot of said bank card terminal.

4. A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 1, wherein the top is transparent.

Sub A5 5. A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 1, including a shock absorbing seal affixed to the open bottom of the cover side walls to allow the cover to removably seal to the support surface.

6. A bank card terminal according to Claim 1, including a bottom sized to support and

fit around the bottom of a bank card terminal with structure operably associated with the cover to allow the cover to seal thereon in a first mode, and to open to provide access to the bank card terminal in a second mode.

Sub AP → 7. A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 6, wherein the bottom and cover structure include corresponding hinge mounts to enable the cover to pivot open to expose the bank card terminal keys and card slot reader for use in a first mode, and to pivot closed in a second mode for storage of the bank card terminal.

8. A bank card terminal cover for bank card terminals mounted on a vertical non-integral support surface independent of the bank card terminals and cover, the terminals having card reading slots and keyboards pervious to liquids, grease, and dust comprising:

- a. a transparent rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust, and grease impervious top with sidewalls defining an open bottom leading into an interior sized to fit about and cover the bank card terminal, said sidewalls extending sufficiently about the terminal to contact the support surface to elevate the top and side walls of the cover above and around the bank card terminal to protect the bank card terminal from contact with liquids, dust, grease, and falling objects by directing them away from the bank card terminal onto the separate support surface independent of the bank card terminal, and defining at least one opening through which a terminal cord may be inserted and connected to the bank card terminal,
- b. opening structure associated with the top of the bank card terminal and terminal cover to provide access to the terminal card keyboard and card reading slot in a first mode, and to close about and secure the card terminal in a second mode, and
- c. a shock absorbing seal affixed to the edges of the cover sidewalls to seal with the support surface.

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